

61 a support which is joined to opposed sides of the frame and to spaced apart locations of the hopper to transfer weight of the hopper to the frame, the support including at least one weight sensing device which senses a weight of [seed] the grain in the hopper transferred through the support to the frame and provides an output of the sensed weight of the [seed] grain in the hopper; and

a display, coupled to the output, for displaying the weight of the [seed] grain contained in the hopper; and wherein

the support comprises a pair of weight bearing supports which are respectively joined to the opposed sides of the frame, each weight bearing support including a first rigid attachment attached to a different one of the opposed sides of the frame supporting the frame along a longitudinal dimension of the grain drill and a second rigid attachment attached to the frame; and

the at least one weight sensing device comprises first and second load cells associated with each of the pair of weight bearing supports, the first and second load cells attaching the first and second rigid attachments together and being loaded with weight transferred from the first rigid attachment through the first and second load cells to the second rigid attachment.

43. (Amended) A method for modifying a grain drill having a frame having a plurality of wheels for supporting the grain drill during rolling over a surface of ground to be planted with [seed] grain and a hopper joined to the frame for containing the [seed] grain to be planted comprising:

raising the hopper upward from the frame to separate the hopper from being joined to the frame;

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positioning a support between the hopper and the frame to join the support to opposed sides of the frame and to spaced apart positions of the hopper to support the hopper in a raised position above the frame, the positioned support transferring weight of the hopper to the frame and including at least one weight sensing device which senses a weight of the [seed] grain in the hopper transferred through the support to the frame and which provides an output of the sensed weight of the [seed] grain in the hopper; and

providing a display on the grain drill for displaying the weight of the [seed] grain contained in the hopper; and wherein

the support comprises a pair of weight bearing supports which are respectively joined to the opposed sides of the frame, each weight bearing support including a first rigid attachment attached to a different one of the opposed sides of the frame supporting the frame along a longitudinal dimension of

the grain drill and a second rigid attachment attached to the frame; and

E1 the at least one weight sensing device comprises first and second load cells associated with each of the pair of weight bearing supports, the first and second load cells attaching the first and second rigid attachments together and being loaded with weight transferred from the first rigid attachment through the first and second load cells to the second rigid attachment.

REMARKS

At the outset, it should be noted that the Examiner has issued a Final Rejection in this application which is erroneous and should be withdrawn in view of Applicants' timely response to the outstanding first Office Action by this Amendment.

The first Office Action, which included a rejection of the claims over prior art, erroneously gave only a one-month period to respond to the outstanding rejection on prior art. As the Examiner knows, a three-month shortened statutory period for response is required to be given to an Applicant to respond to a rejection. With this standard applied, the Applicant is permitted to respond to the first action with only a one-month extension of time which is submitted herewith. The Examiner and the undersigned discussed this matter by telephone today.

Claim 42 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point